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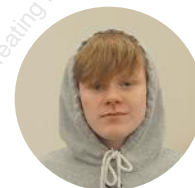
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The Struggle Is **REAL** Freshmen describe hardest aspects of ninth grade



Colin Kirkpatrick



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What could be easier than being a new kid in a school of almost 1500 students with six floors and having to take four new classes? Freshmen could have a rough time transitioning to high school, but everyone who was or had been a freshman could at least understand the struggle.

For many, simply making their way around the huge building could be challenging. "The hardest thing is the stairs," said **Colin Kirkpatrick ('23)**.

Others struggled with their difficult classes, which they needed to take seriously so they could maintain a high GPA. "The hardest thing is making sure to get all my assignments done on time," said **Elizabeth Campbell ('23)**.

Some had trouble adjusting to the new school, but coming to high school with friends made it easier. "The easiest thing is coming here with some kids I went to school with,"

Sarah Christopher ('23) said.

Other freshmen had a hard time making new friends. "The hardest thing was meeting new people," said **NaSean McNair ('23)**. However, most would soon find friendships with people in their classes or activities.

Many freshmen felt nervous throughout their new experiences in ninth grade, but most found ways to eventually feel more comfortable. "The hardest part of transitioning into high school is the new school and the new people you meet. At first it is nerve-racking, but soon you get used to it. The easiest thing is getting along with everyone and being engaged in extracurriculars," **Megan Schwien ('23)** said.

Transitioning to high school came with a unique set of challenges. Freshmen had to get used to high school and how the system worked. At least for a little while, the freshman struggle was definitely real. (E. Kelly)

This is **THEIR HOUSE.**



"Central feels like home because everyone can be themselves, and there is just always someone there for you." -Anna Hodges ('23)



"Central feels like home because I can come here and not worry. I have no beef with anyone." -Brandon Williams ('23)



"Central feels like home because of my friends. They make me feel welcome." -Maci Wyatt ('23)